

# CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL SEASON OPENED

## KELLY'S HOME RUN WINS FOR GIANTS IN ELEVENTH, 10-8

Phillies Lose as Frisch Scores on Terrific Drive by Clubmate.

BATTER DOUGLAS IN 4TH

Toney Gets Credit for Victory—McGraw's Men First Hammer Ring, Then Betts.

By DANIEL.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PHILADELPHIA, April 13.—(National.)—The Philadelphia Phillies, who were the underdogs in the opening game of the National League season here this afternoon, took the Giants eleven innings, nearly three hours of throbbing battle and gritty struggling to subdue the Phillies, and at the close the score was 10 to 8.

If a master hand at dramatic effects had staged the contest it could not have surpassed in tense situations, stirring deeds at bat and field, savage and frenzied hitting rallies. The New Yorks had the extreme satisfaction of putting on the last big assault, which culminated in a terrific home run by George Kelly.

With the New Yorks already in the lead by one run in the eleventh, a tally which was discounted in short order in the Phillies' half of the inning, Kelly drove the ball into the enclosure in front of the clubhouse far out in center field and scored Frank Frisch ahead of him.

It was a game which befitted the occasion. Eighteen thousand persons jammed the little bandbox of the local club and they got a somewhat poor start, as the Giants went into the lead with what looked like a mighty big run in the fourth inning. But when the Phillies came back in their section of that round with a furious attack which gave them four runs and finished Phil Douglas, the Giants were driven into the first of a series of feelings which ran the gamut of human sensations.

**Crowd Cheers and Groans.** Now the thousands were carried to the very height of joy, only to be thrown back long into the slough of despair. Now they cheered, then they groaned, as victory appeared to slip. It was a fight between two determined forces, which were aided by the early season form of the various pitchers. In the great finish in the gathering shadows the New Yorks proved that they were the more powerful and possessed of the stronger flure on the mound.

The Giants staged three splendid rallies, one for two runs, which put them into the fight in the sixth, another for four tallies, which gave them the lead in the seventh, and finally their winning rally in the eighth. The New Yorks in the sixth and seventh were another demonstration of their stick-to-itiveness, their gameness and ability to make runs when they need them.

Philadelphia's battering of Douglas in the fourth appeared to be a staggering blow to New York hopes. After the Phillies had added three runs to their tally in the fifth the situation looked still less promising for John McGraw's men. But when the Phillies came through with two more runs in the sixth, the New Yorks apparently had sewed it up, the home legends were hurled into an epidemic of cheering such as had not been heard in these parts since the Phillies won the League pennant. And as New York won, a dead calm except for the shuffling of outgoing feet.

Official credit for winning the game goes to Fred Toney, who was the third and last of New York's pitchers, and worked in the final two innings. In all the Phillies collected eight hits, while the New Yorks got fifteen.

**Ring Here Until Sixth.** Until the sixth inning Philadelphia's shining hero was Jimmy Ring, the Brooklyn right hander, who was making his debut in the uniform of the locals. In the five rounds Ring had allowed only two singles and a double. A pass to Bancroft, a wild pitch, Frisch's sacrifice and Wrightstone's hitting Bancroft in the back as he scooted for the plate on Walker's grounder had given the Giants a run.

But Ring seemed to be the master of his fate this day and in supreme confidence he led the New Yorks to victory. He was leading by four runs, Ring's chances were rosy.

But the Giants were not to be denied. Singles by Bancroft, Frisch and a sacrifice fly by Kelly gave them three runs in the sixth. Ring was wobbling. A lush fell over the sorried king in the stands. There was a strong suspicion that a certain hero had clay feet.

This suspicion was confirmed in the next round, in which the Giants went after Ring with savage determination. Rapp opened with a double along the right field foul line. Smith popped to Wrightstone, but Barnes walked. Barnes kept with a double to center and Bancroft fouled to Bruggy. But when Frisch singled to center and sent both Barnes and Barnes home, putting the Giants in the van, the New York delegation went into little frenzy of its own. Ross Young, who was in a box off first base, got on his chair, threw his hat high in the air and let out a Co-manche whoop which resounded through the park.

**Kelly Wins Game With Homer.** A steal and a bad throw by Bruggy put Frisch on third, where he scored on Walker's single to right. That finished Ring and he was retired in favor of Walter Betts, another right hander. Betts got rid of Kelly and the Phillies three scoreless innings, but then came the eleventh and victory for New York.

Toney did not get away without a scare in the last half of the final inning. McGraw banged the first pitch to two bases and Wrightstone singled. Parkinson hit into a double play and Dots Miller flied out to Brown to end the long drawn out fight.

To Burns must go the credit for starting the rally which gave the Giants the game. He singled in the eleventh with a single to left. Bancroft walked and Frisch fouled Bancroft, putting Burns on third. King lifted a sacrifice fly to Williams and gave the Giants the edge by one run. The score was 10 to 8. Kelly's home run drove him into center and sent Frisch in ahead of him. Brown beat out a bunt to the left of the box and ran all the way to third when Betts threw the ball into right field in an effort to end first base. Rapp fled to right and the Giants' attack was over. If Philadelphia had won over Parkinson



BABE RUTH OUT TRYING TO STRETCH A TWO BAGGER INTO A TRIPLE

## Second Time Ruth Has Poled Out Five Hits

ONLY on one previous occasion has Babe Ruth been credited with five hits in a single major league game. On May 9, 1918, at Boston, in a game against the Washington Senators, Babe, then a member of the Red Sox, poled out three doubles, one triple and a single. The Washington pitchers that day were Doc Ayres and Walter Johnson. Yesterday's feat was not quite as good as that of 1918, for Ruth's total bases were only seven, two doubles and three singles.

would have been one of the shining lights of the triumph. The young shortstop was making his debut in professional baseball. He is a native of Trenton and last season was with the Patterson of the New Yorks. He was scheduled to play shortstop in place of the absent Fletcher, but at the last minute Bill Donovan decided to give the untied Parkinson a chance.

**Parkinson a Hero.** Parkinson got a single and a double and came through with two of the most brilliant plays yet seen on any diamond. In the second he robbed Walker of a hit with a great stop behind second base, and in the sixth he saved the game for the Phillies, for the time being. With Frisch on third and two gone, Brown drove a wicked liner between third and short. Parkinson made a desperate lunge for the fast travelling leather. He threw himself at the ball and swung around so that his gloved hand stuck out. The ball found its mark and the stands gasped, to recover quickly in a thunder of applause such as rarely has greeted a recruit in his first professional game.

New York had its belting heroes, too, and of these Eddie Brown was the most effective. Brown was run ragged in center field, but never slowed up. He had a particularly busy time in the fourth, in which singles by Wrightstone, Dots Miller and Stengel and doubles by Ring and Rawlings, along with a sacrifice by Parkinson, gave the home team four runs. Most of the hitting was done into Brown's sector.

The opening game was devoid of any fireworks. There was no parade around the bases, no cheering, no shouting. When the time for playing ball arrived a blaring military band played "The Star Spangled Banner." Old Glory was run up to the masthead in center field. Mayor Moore tossed out a bright new ball to Ring and Philadelphia's fight to keep out of the league cellar was on.

**NEW YORK (N.) PHILADELPHIA (N.)**  
Batters: 1. Kelly, 2. Frisch, 3. Bruggy, 4. Bancroft, 5. Smith, 6. Ring, 7. Toney, 8. Parkinson, 9. Brown. Pitchers: 1. Douglas, 2. Toney, 3. Frisch, 4. Ring, 5. Brown, 6. Kelly, 7. Bancroft, 8. Smith, 9. Bruggy. Fielders: 1. Williams, 2. Brown, 3. Frisch, 4. Ring, 5. Brown, 6. Kelly, 7. Bancroft, 8. Smith, 9. Bruggy. Score: 10 to 8.

**Notes and Gossip of Giants and Phillies**  
PHILADELPHIA, April 13.—To-day's game marked the abolition of the twenty-five-cent ticket, which had been in effect since the opening of the season. The Phillies, indicating that increased hotel, railroad and tax rates were responsible, gave away tickets with every score card. Thus the Phillies, an ancient and noble Philadelphia institution.

For Hughie Jennings it was a return to old stadium grounds. When he was once married the Phillies, who hope that this bit of research will develop nothing against him.

Ross Young, right fielder of the Giants, still holds combat with a bad knee, watched the game from a ring-side box. Young will be ready Monday.

John A. Heydler, president of the National League, was an interested spectator.

The Phillies were minus the services of Arthur Fletcher, who is at home in Collinsville, Ill. The former Giant recently lost his father and his brother and will not be back in harness for another week.

Joe O'Brien announced that the Giants had arranged to play in Jersey City on Sunday as an interlude between the Philadelphia and Boston series.

The fans gave Bancroft a recent hand when he faced Ring for the first time.

The home uniforms of the Phillies bear neither letter nor insignia. Donovan's club might be the Mudville Xyls for all the uniforms tell them of it.

Parkinson committed robbery on Walker in the second inning by diving behind second for a ripout.

## More Than 155,000 See Seven Baseball Games

CHICAGO, April 13.—The umpire's cry, "Play ball!" was heard by more than 155,000 persons in seven major league parks to-day in what officials of the national pastime heralded as the "come-back of baseball."

The figures, unofficial estimates, included two records for opening day attendance—at the Chicago National League Park, where nearly 25,000 saw the game, and at the home of the New York Yankees, who played before 30,000. The Chicago-Detroit game at Detroit, in the American League, was postponed by rain, but reports were that a record breaking crowd was disappointed.

Unofficial figures for other cities were: Cincinnati, National, 30,000; Boston, National, 12,000; Washington, American, 18,000; Philadelphia, National, 19,000; and St. Louis, American, 19,000.

## INDIANS ARE BEATEN BY BROWNS BY 4 TO 2

Wild Throws and Bunched Hits Account for Run.

St. Louis, April 13 (American).—St. Louis got away to a flying start in the 1921 American League pennant race to-day by defeating Cleveland, 4 to 2.

State and city officials participated in the opening ceremonies. Gov. Hyde pitched the first ball to Louis P. Alog, chairman of the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Kilgore umpired the toss, calling it a ball.

Two wild throws in the third gave the Browns their first run and four bunched hits in the fifth accounted for the other three.

Smith's home run, followed by three singles, gave the Indians their two runs. The score:

**CLEVELAND (A.) ST. LOUIS (A.)**  
Batters: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Pitchers: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Fielders: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Score: 4 to 2.

**ARMY DEFEATS UNION.** Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. BOSTON, N. Y., April 13.—The Army defeated the Union in a baseball to-day by defeating Union in a short time game, 14 to 2.

The cadets, with the top of their batting order, running true to form, struck for sixteen safe drives, two triples and three two baggers being in this assortment. The score:

**ARMY UNION**  
Batters: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Pitchers: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Fielders: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Score: 14 to 2.

**PRINCETON FRESHMEN WIN.** Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. TRENTON, April 13.—The Princeton Freshmen nine defeated Lawrenceville in a baseball game to-day, 6 to 3. Both teams played rather loose ball, but this may be attributed to the fact that this was the opening game for both aggregations.

A feature of the game was a home run with two men on bases by the Cub outfielder, Graves. Punk did excellent receiving work for the local team, while Townsend's twirling starred him for the Cub team.

## YANKEES SMOTHER ATHLETICS, 11-0-1

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points to such confidence in the game's integrity by the people.

The Yankees always were ahead, but by so small a lead that it was a close and sharply pitched contest for six and a half innings. Then the tide of the Athletics, which he led sturdy and full of merit, sort of fell apart. It fell apart in the pitching department. The Yankees gave him Scott Perry a rousing reception in the seventh inning, and he was taken out. They pounded Hasty in the eighth. The Mackmen stuck to it well for six innings, then broke before the force of a superior attack.

**Ruth and Mays Shine.** In an opening game, excellently played all around by the Yankees—clean, spirited fielding, and clean, determined hitting—individual luminaries were Babe Ruth and Carl Mays, luminaries in diametrically opposite roles, but both considerably sure.

Ruth, though he was erratic as a spring exhibition hitter to a point where he was undependable, began the business of marauding for pennant purposes with a real swing in the second inning, which netted five assorted hits in five times at bat. Luckiest were in spots in the South, lame wrist, what did they come to? The thing he did was to hit on the nose everything a good pitcher put up and, while doing it hit to all three fields and worked in a tap over the infield, which in fielded dribble among his prosperous club.

He hit a two bagger which struck the center field fence on the first bound, and was longer than many home runs he has hit. The thing he did was to make a homer, but the clumsiness or his batting caused that little oversight to be forgotten, and besides the season was too busy to remember it.

A popular impulse among the fans was to cheer and shout and rush. The greater part of the crowd was seated before fielding practice. At 3:30 o'clock and thereafter, both ways, there were about 100 yards to cover to get to the stadium. The fans were not so much as a seat in the L cars.

Fifteen thousand persons were turned away at game time, and the press of the L cars was so bad that the slow descent of the L station stairs at 155th street was made broken window panes in the ticket booths.

The instability of April weather made the fans feel that they had such a good day for the opening and many predicted that the south wind which whipped the flags on the roof of the stadium would bring a rain.

**Mayor Busy With His Hat.** Mayor Hylan, with Col. Ruppert, who has seen so many big crowds patronize his Yanks that he has been called the "Mayor of the Field" in their yearly tramp to the grand stand.

The Mayor was as busy with his hat as with his duties. He was seen as Ruth was with his. He was seen as Ruth was with his. He was seen as Ruth was with his.

Henry Fabian's grass was green, Nature's own unmatchable green. The Athletics' uniforms were blue, a tone of blue such as is found in the sky. The caps were a cross between a steel blue and the color a man sees when he's seasick.

A glaring blue, incompatible with a feverish thing like a sluggish liver or a feverish thing like a sluggish liver or a feverish thing like a sluggish liver.

**LAFAYETTE VICTORIOUS.** Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. BOSTON, N. Y., April 13.—Lafayette struck its stride here to-day and won its first game of the season, defeating Williams College by the score of 10 to 4. Carney, with three hits, led in the Lafayette attack.

**LAFAYETTE WILLIAMS**  
Batters: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Pitchers: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Fielders: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Score: 10 to 4.

**WARD KNOCKS A HOME RUN.** The Athletics fielded cleverly except for a passing moment in the eighth when Hasty was being hit by Joe Dugan, whom Huggins tried to get, made two slashing stops and throws, and the work in the outfield was a steady, steady, steady.

In the fifth Ruth made his two bagger clear the bases, and he did it in a field fence. He hit on the first bound and a splendid relay, Welch to Dykes to Dugan, caught him there. Tilly Walker made a line single off the imperturbable Nats' workman in the fifth.

In the first inning, and the Athletics did not make another until the seventh. One, two, three, out; one, two, three, out; one, two, three, out.

No man got base for five consecutive innings.

## President Harding Sees Sox Beat Senators, 6-3

Gen. Pershing Receives Ovation From Washington Fans as He Marches to Flag Pole.

WASHINGTON, April 13 (American).—The President and Mrs. Harding, Vice-President and Mrs. Coolidge, Gen. Pershing, members of the Cabinet and Congress, the Diplomatic Corps and President Ben R. Johnson of the American League were in the record breaking crowd which attended the opening game to-day of the baseball season in Washington. Boston won, 6 to 3, by bunting hits on three Washington pitchers.

President Harding received a demonstration upon his entry into his box near the home plate. He threw out the first ball and kept his own score on a card, which he later presented to President Johnson.

Before the game, Gen. Pershing raised the American flag at the park, receiving a tremendous ovation when he appeared on the field to march to the flagpole in center field with the band and the players of both teams.

Walter Johnson started in the box for Washington, and for the first time in his long career failed to finish an opening game. He gave away four innings when Boston had obtained a one run lead. The score:

**BOSTON (A.) WASHINGTON (A.)**  
Batters: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Pitchers: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Fielders: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Score: 6 to 3.

**Reflections on a Gladsome Opening for Local Fans**  
By SAMUEL J. BROOKMAN.  
Yankees win, Giants triumph, Dodgers are victorious—what could be sweeter?

The most difficult thing is to pick the hero of the opening game. Was it Aaron Ward, whose home run was the second in the game, or was it Babe Ruth with his five safe hits in a row, or was it Connie Mack, who was seen to smile at the game after the game?

Every member of the Yankee team scored at least one hit, an unusual occurrence; every one but Meusel and Schang made at least one safe hit. Only one previous occasion—in May, 1918, in Boston did the Yankees receive hit for five hits in a single game.

From the way the Yankees, Babe Ruth and Al, were popping home runs into the stands and left field bleachers during the game the fans were prepared for a sluggish bee.

Truth to tell, the Athletics did not look as hot as the fans may indicate. Their fielding, barring that of Pitcher Hasty's, and their all around speed were impressive. They are a hustling lot, and it will make good sense to judge Hasty too hastily.

Before the game the National Photographers Association held its annual convention behind home plate.

In some innings Mays' fielding was so quick that the Athletics did not look as hot as the fans may indicate. Their fielding, barring that of Pitcher Hasty's, and their all around speed were impressive.

Ping Bodis again lived up to his reputation as an early season hitter.

**TIGERS RALLY AND DEFEAT VILLANOVA**  
Margaret and Meader Engage in Pitching Duel.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PRINCETON, N. J., April 13.—Princeton came from behind and defeated Villanova by 3 to 1 here this afternoon. It was a pitching duel between Margaret and Meader.

**BROWN WINS ANOTHER.** Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PROVIDENCE, April 13.—Brown won its second game of the season by defeating Boston University 7 to 2 here to-day. Fuller served for the Brunonians, allowing seven hits. Toland started for Boston University but was knocked out of the box in the third and Villanova finished the game. The score:

**BROWN BOSTON UNIV.**  
Batters: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Pitchers: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Fielders: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Score: 7 to 2.

**IRISH PARK AT CELTIC PARK.** At Celtic Park next Sunday the Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York will hold the third of a series of four athletic events, the proceeds going to the Irish Relief Fund.

## ALEXANDER TWIRLS CUBS TO VICTORY

'Good, Clean Game,' Exclaims Judge Landis After Defeat of Cardinals by 5 to 2.

CHICAGO, April 13 (National).—The Chicago Nationals, with Grover Alexander pitching, ushered in the major league season here to-day with a 5 to 2 victory over St. Louis. It was the first opening game Alexander has been credited with since he joined the Cubs.

Haines weakened and was pounded for five hits in the fourth inning, one of which was a home run drive over the right field wall by O'Farrell. One man was on base at the time.

"Federal Judge Landis, who occupied a box seat said: 'Well, that was a mighty good, clean game.'"

More than 20,000 persons were present, despite the chilly air and an overcast sky, the crowd overflowing into the outfield.

Numerous gifts of flowers and a loving cup were presented to Manager Johnny Evers. A detachment of marines played the Stars and Stripes while a band furnished the music for the occasion. The score:

**ST. LOUIS (N.) CHICAGO (N.)**  
Batters: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Pitchers: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Fielders: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Score: 5 to 2.

**NAVY WINS BY 20 TO 2.** Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ANnapolis, Md., April 13.—Staten eleven runs in the opening inning on seven safe hits, including Niemeyer's circuit clutch, the Naval Academy won from Mount St. Mary's here to-day by a 20 to 2 score.

**MT. ST. MARY'S NAVY**  
Batters: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Pitchers: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Fielders: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Score: 20 to 2.

**PENN BEATS CORNELL.** Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PHILADELPHIA, April 13.—A ninth inning rally in which three Penn runners streaked into the rubber and the Quaker team a hard fought victory over Cornell to-day on Franklin Field. The final score was 7 to 6. The score:

**PENN CORNELL**  
Batters: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Pitchers: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Fielders: 1. Smith, 2. Smith, 3. Smith, 4. Smith, 5. Smith, 6. Smith, 7. Smith, 8. Smith, 9. Smith. Score: 7 to 6.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.** At Louisville—R.H.B. 4 to 5. At Louisville—R.H.B. 4 to 5. At Louisville—R.H.B. 4 to 5.

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